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**Subject:** Yes poorly written due to ignorance of geography framework

I am making a positive contribution to fulfill the youth learning potential. But, with no President Polk, there is no Pacific geography and no accurate history of the US becoming a continental nation from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Now this includes Hawaii, because - like the sailing ship the Brooklyn - you could not reach California without following the current. The influence of Boston merchants and whalers -including the Portuguese from the Azores and Genovese from Chile with the wheat trade - is crucial to the 19th Century. Then the rise Yerba Buena with the food sources from Sonoma mission and Napa Valley.

Your sources are simply Hollywood famous instead of authentic pioneers like George Yount (who?), Sutter and Joseph Chiles.

No mention of the 1841 Bartleson-Bidwell Party for the overland. No understanding of Acapulco to Manila resulting in the founding of Monterey, no recognition of Monterey is the US capturing Alta California, no mention of Mariano G Vallejo, ... you need to have a complete page with the **Pacific-America reality** - including the major transportation route across Panama (it was there in 2009, where is it now?). Most important is the push-pull impact of the 1848 student revolutions in Europe that resulted in youth coming for the Gold Rush in 1849. Remember, we rank no. 49 in the nation for education not because of gold rush miners or a pro football team - due to not having the essential foundation of geography in history and having this narrative for teaching that is full of bias due to ignorance. For example, the agricultural cooperative movement in the founding of Fresno by German immigrants - coming from Russia! The European waves of immigrants are a big part of our story that are directly connected to the expansion of transportation systems, first along waterways and then by railroads. the rise of California Cornucopia is the Golden State reality.

Your writing is so confusing and jumbled - you go from 1840 - 1862 to 1855 in one sentence clarity due to now knowing what you are talking about. It shows you do not understand how to apply the framework science for the push-pull analysis of geo-political influences - for the construction of learning like a teacher in the classroom - building on the essential found of geography in history.

The writing does not demonstrate an informed narrator.

I am serious. It's no joke if you fail. If you need to have me join your team as the Golden State History consultant,  
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